

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of  
David A. Manera et al.

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For: APPARATUS FOR MOLDING PLASTIC CAPS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 1-6, inclusive, without prejudice.

Please add the following claims.

7. A method for molding a plastic cap, having a top wall and a depending skirt with a plurality of circumferentially spaced tabs projecting from the skirt, consisting of the steps of:
- positioning one end of a core assembly in the cavity of a female mold;
  - charging the mold cavity with a plastic material;
  - axially displacing the core relative to blades having the tab forming recesses therein from the female mold cavity to a predetermined position below the mold cavity and then rotating the core relative to the blades to thereby rotate the molded cap relative to each of the blades thereby moving the tabs away from the blade recesses; and
  - stripping the finished cap from the core.

8. A method for molding a plastic cap, having a top wall and a depending skirt with a plurality of circumferentially spaced tabs projecting from the skirt, consisting of the steps of:

positioning one end of a core assembly in the cavity of a female mold;

charging the mold cavity with a plastic material;

axially displacing the blades having tab forming recesses therein relative to core from the female mold cavity to a predetermined position below the mold cavity and then rotating the cap relative to the core and blades to thereby position away from the blade recesses; and

stripping the finished cap from the core.

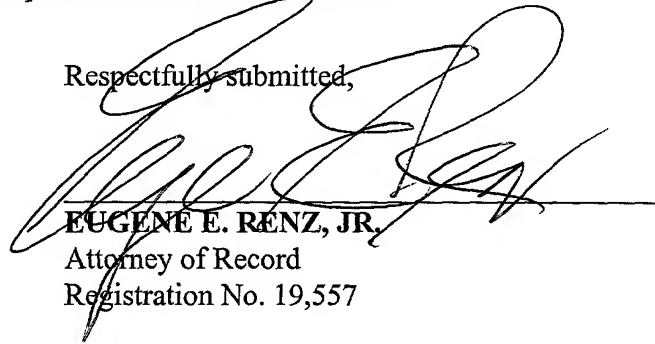
REMARKS

Claims 1-6, inclusive have been canceled.

Claims 7 and 8 have been added. An Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to deposit account number **18-0990**.

Respectfully submitted,



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